

Directive

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SAMPLING PUBLIC LAW 480, TITLE II, BAGS AND FIBERBOARD SHIPPING CONTAINERS

1. PURPOSE

This directive establishes the procedure for sampling Public Law 480, Title II, bags and fiberboard shipping containers.

2. REPLACEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

This directive supersedes FGIS Program Directive 917.15, "Sampling Public Law 480, Title II, Bags," dated 6-01-92. This directive is updated to reflect organizational changes, new numbering system, and new format but does not revise policy.

3. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) requires bags/fiberboard shipping containers used for Public Law 480, Title II, shipments to comply with specific packaging requirements. Selected packaging materials are sent to the Michigan State University School of Packaging (MSU) for visual inspection and testing. After testing, these samples are retained by the university for future reference to assist FSA in resolving claim disputes.

4. PROCEDURES

- a. Bags. Select bags from contracts under the following announcements for testing at MSU:

BGGR-3 - Wheat, Sorghum, and Corn
BWSF-5 - Bulgur and Soy-Fortified Bulgur
CMSF-5 - Corn Meal, and Soy-Fortified Corn Meal
CSB-7 - Corn-Soy Blend
CSSM-6 - Corn-Soya and Instant Corn-Soya Milk
KCBG-3 - Bagged Grain

MF-5 - Corn-Soya and Instant Corn-Soya Masa Flour
MR-15 - Milled Rice
PBL-5 - Beans, Peas, and Lentils
SF-4 - Soy Flour
SFSG-7 - Soy-Fortified Sorghum Grits
SFRO-6 - Soy-Fortified Rolled Oats
WFSF-4 - Wheat and Soy-Fortified Bread Wheat Flour
WPC-2 - Wheat Protein Concentrate Blend
WSB-10 - Wheat-Soy Blend
WSM-6 - Wheat-Soy Milk

This directive applies to subsequent updates of FSA announcements.

- (1) Randomly select three empty bags at the beginning of each Title II export contract.
 - (2) If the contractor is using bags from more than one manufacturer for the same contract, randomly select and mail three bags from each bag manufacturer. The paper bag manufacturer's name will appear on each bag, generally within the freight stamp or as part of the certification of conformance. Select woven polypropylene bags according to marker yarns (fabric) and bag manufacturer's name and logo. For example, if for the same contract green marker yarns are found with two bag manufacturers' names, select and mail six bags, three for each bag manufacturer. Likewise, if two different marker yarns are found with the same bag manufacturer's name, select and mail three bags for each type of marker yarns.
- b. Fiberboard Shipping Containers. Select fiberboard shipping containers from contracts specifying 4-liter primary containers under announcement VO-6, Vegetable Oil for Export.
- (1) Randomly select two fiberboard shipping containers at the beginning of each contract. Place six empty 4-liter tin cans, with the lids securely fastened, inside the container and request that the packer seal the shipping container using normal production line procedures.
 - (2) Send only two fiberboard containers per contract to MSU for testing regardless of the number of box manufacturers involved.

5. MAILING

Send a note with the bags and fiberboard containers showing the name and location of the packing plant, the name of the inspector or sampler, and the statement "For Quality Control Purposes."

Mail the bags and fiberboard containers to:

Michigan State University
School of Packaging
East Lansing, MI 48824-1223
Attention: USDA Testing

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